

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

POST-FILED CIP DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (37 CFR 1.53(f))

As a below named inventor, I declar that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCED PURIFICATION OF HIGH-PURITY METALS

the specification of which was filed on July 2, 2003, as Application Serial No. 10/613,545

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of: (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below; or (ii) any United States provisional application(s) listed below; and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
JAPAN	2001-14997	23 , January, 2001	yes____ no <u>X</u>
			yes____ no____
			yes____ no____
			yes____ no____

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §120 of the prior application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in a manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application including material information which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith: Leonard Holtz, Reg. No. 22,974; Herbert Goodman, Reg. No. 17,081; Marshall J. Chick, Reg. No. 26,853; Richard S. Barth, Reg. No. 28,180; Douglas Holtz, Reg. No. 33,902; and Robert P. Michal, Reg. No. 35,614.

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